Rama Varmha Tampuran.—If he had occasion to attend a conference or a meeting he always shows that in his diary.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Will the Government collect statistics showing how much land is cultivated according to the instructions given by the Department so that we may just consider this aspect hereafter in certain schemes to be introduced here ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is rather impossible to collect that information. It requires house-to-house enquiry to find out which cultivator has exactly followed the methods of the Department.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—At least when the instructions are followed in a substantial degree cannot the officer concerned make a note of it in his diary ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Government would consider whether something could be done in that line.

Enquiry—Agricultural Department.

172. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have at any time after the inception of the Agricultural Department in the State, conducted any specific inquiry into the working of that department with a view to ascertain whether that department has served its purpose or realised any of its aims ;

(b) if such an inquiry has been conducted, what is the finding of the Government ;

(c) and if not, do they not consider that such an inquiry is an urgent necessity in view of the huge sums of money annually spent by them on that department?

Rama Varmha Tampuran —(a) No.

(b) No answer is required in view of the answer to (a).

(c) The Government do not consider that such an inquiry is an urgent necessity.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Did the Government receive any suggestion from the present Head of the Department as to the betterment of the Department ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I don't remember exactly. I want notice.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Did the Government call for any suggestion from the Department ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Cattle epidemics—Mukundapuram Taluk.

173. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(a) whether they are aware of the fact that cattle epidemics causing heavy mortality occur frequently in the villages of Muringur-Thekkummuri and Kizhakkummuri (Mukundapuram Taluk);

(b) which is the nearest Veterinary Dispensary or Hospital to which the people of the above villages could resort during such epidemics ;

(c) have the people of those villages prayed to the Government for the establishment of a Veterinary Hospital at any suitable centre in any one of the two villages?

(d) if so, what action have the Government taken so far, in order to give relief to the petitioners?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) No. A few cases were reported and the Veterinary Inspector, Irinjalakkuda took timely action to check the spread of the epidemic. There might have been a few cases of mortality which were unavoidable.

(b) Veterinary Hospital, Irinjalakkuda.

(c) Yes.

(d) As it is not possible for the Government to open Veterinary Hospitals in every village it is proposed to appoint touring Veterinary Inspectors.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—With regard to sub-division (d), the question was not with reference to establishing Veterinary Hospitals in every village. It has particular reference to the village of Kizhakkummuri. Do not the Government consider that Kizhakkummuri village is the largest village in Cochin ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It might be. But there are certain other villages as well.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Have they not set apart more than 100 acres of land grazing lands in this particular village.

Rama Varmha Tampuran—I want notice.

Transfer of Edavilangu Village.

174. Mr. K. Muhamed Seethi—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Village of Edavillangu was recently transferred to Thiruvanchikulam, the second bit of the said village;

(b) how many acres of land there are in the second bit;

(c) the number of pattadars in the second bit;

(d) the population of the second bit;

(e) the acreage;
the number of pattadars;
the population of the first bit;

(f) distance between the farthest extremities of the two bits;

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